



Our Lady of the WAYSIDE PARISH



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Vision Statement:

We will be a parish who lives
the message and mission of
Jesus.

December 3, 2023

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Collection for Nov. 12, 19, 26, 2023



	3 Weeks	Budget	Variance
Sunday Masses	\$35,035		
Mail and Walk-up	\$9,830		
eGiving	\$32,521		
Total Sunday	\$77,386	\$102,405	(\$25,019)

Total Gifts	
St. Vincent DePaul	\$3,408
Christmas	\$100

	3 Weeks	2023 YTD
School Support		
Rebek	\$150	\$19,070

Thank you for your generosity!



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Our Lady of Unity Food Collection: December 10

On **Sunday, December 10** we will have our monthly food drive for Our Lady of Unity (formerly St. Mark's) Parish. Drop off non-perishable food at the parish garage from **between 9 am and noon**.

Most-needed items include:

- pasta noodles & sauce
- canned tuna & chicken
- canned vegetables
- soup
- cereal
- chili
- mac & cheese
- bagged sugar
- dry white beans



"Alms are an inheritance
and a justice which is
due to the poor and
which Jesus has levied
upon us."

~St. Francis of Assisi

**OUR LADY OF UNITY
FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY**

Thank you for your past and future generosity in this important ministry.

Non-perishable food is now being accepted during the week in the lobby of the Parish Center.

70 Hours of Adoration

As part of **Celebrate 70!**, we will offer **Eucharistic Adoration for 70 hours** in the Gathering Place to begin the Advent season. Adoration will begin on **Sunday, December 3**, at 7 PM and continue through Wednesday, December 6, until 5 PM. **All are welcome to attend and pray at any time during the 70 hours.** No registration necessary, but one guardian is needed for each of the 70 hours.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is one of our church's most beautiful and powerful devotions. It offers us a time to worship God in the person of Jesus Christ who is truly present in the Eucharist. In adoration we receive the grace of God's Mercy and become merciful so that we can give it to others. Our world is in desperate need of hope, renewal, and turning back to God. By visiting Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we take up the best weapon for the battles of our age and contribute to the healing of our culture. Eucharistic adoration also bears tremendous fruit in our own hearts and lives. We cannot spend time in the rays of His Eucharistic Presence without receiving His grace, His love, His mercy, and His peace.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament requires a guardian present for each of the 70 hours. Please visit <https://bit.ly/3Qzy8lu> or scan to register.





In observance of
the Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception
our Parish Office will be
closed on Friday,
December 8th.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass Schedule

Friday, December 8

8:30 am, 12:00 pm,
2:00 pm, 7:00 pm



Please give to those who
have given a lifetime.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please donate at your local parish or by mail at:

National Religious Retirement Office
3211 Fourth Street NE
Washington DC 20017-1194

Make check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious.

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BE READY

First Sunday of Advent - Year B



Father Arthur Marat

St. Paul the Apostle to the nations characterizes the pagans by saying that they do not have God and they do not have hope. As we begin Advent today, we should ask ourselves: Are we Christians and Catholics a people of hope?

Those who believe deeply do not live in an illusion regarding what is going to happen in their future. Instead, the Christian knows more than what he reads in the newspaper or sees on television. With joy and faith, the Christian awaits the One Who will come again.

At this time in our history, however, we are confronted with the reality that, instead of putting their hope in Jesus, people are putting their hope in banks and in money, in political candidates and war strategies. We cannot rely on any of these things, however, because all of this is passing away. But, we as Christians are a people of hope: a people who know God and experience His Love. So, we must reflect His presence in the world and love for all people.

As we begin this Advent, I would like to invite each of you to be on guard, to be watchful, to be ready. I would like to encourage each of you to acknowledge and take advantage of the faith and the abilities which God has given you to reflect His image in the world and build His Kingdom. In order to be ready for Jesus' second coming, we must use every minute of our lives. Therefore, let us take some time to invite Jesus into our lives and ask Him for the grace to transform our souls, especially during this time of awaiting.

Yours in Christ,
Father Arthur



WE WAIT IN HOPE TOGETHER

CALLING ALL SENIORS!

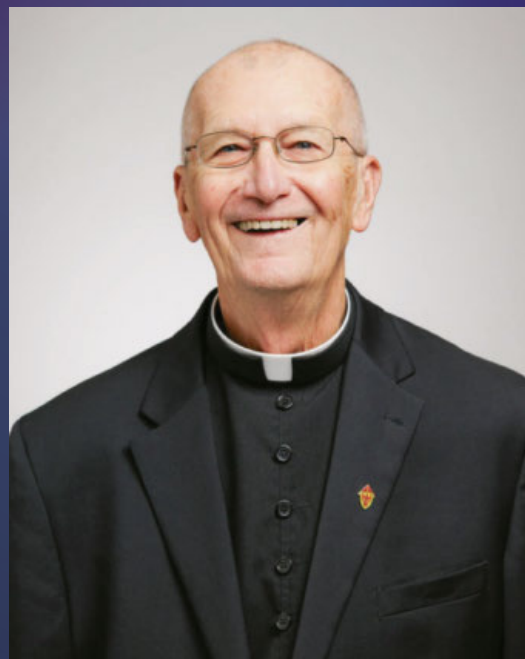
***Please join us for an
Advent Reflection with
Deacon Don Grossnickle
Dec. 3rd at 1pm
in the Rectory Basement.***

**Cake & Coffee will be served.
All are welcome!**

SEE MORE...

AN ADVENT EVENING OF PRAYER & REFLECTION

WITH FR. BILL ZAVASKI



Looking to get more out of Advent this year?
Join us for an evening with Fr. Bill Zavaski
Wednesday, December 6, at 7:00 pm in Church

Giving Tree 2023

This holiday season we continue our traditional Our Lady of the Wayside Giving Tree. We invite you to join us in making a difference for the individuals and families of Our Lady of Unity Parish who are in such great need.

Please stop by the Trees at the back of church and take an envelope to help an individual in need. Your gift will help them celebrate Christmas in their traditional way.

We ask that you place your return gift envelope in the boxes at the back of church near the Giving Trees. **The final date for gift return is next week-end, December 10, 2023.** This allows time for our gifts to be delivered to and distributed at Our Lady of Unity Parish and allows the families time to shop.

Thank you for joining us in this beautiful expression of the Christmas Spirit.



To give electronically via GiveCentral, visit: <https://bit.ly/3OqJNg4>
or scan the QR code with your mobile phone camera.



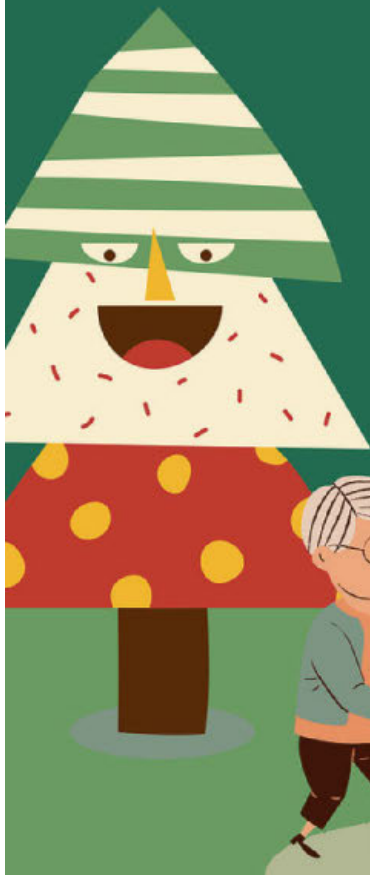
OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE SENIORS CHRISTMAS PARTY!

JOIN US FOR FOOD, DRINK & HOLIDAY CHEER

WHERE: OLV School Multi-Purpose Room

WHEN: Sunday, December 17, at 1:00 pm

* RSVP to Regina by December 11th: (847) 253-5353



Christmas Eve Family Mass Childrens Choir

3 p.m., Sunday, December 24

To register:

<https://bit.ly/XmasEveFamMassChoir>



Volunteer for Christmas Eve Family Mass

3 p.m., Sunday, December 24

To register:

<https://bit.ly/2023XmasEveFamMass>





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

REP Schedule for the Weeks of December 4 & 11, 2023

Saturday, December 2

- 1:00 p.m. Grade 2 First Reconciliation Service in Church

Sunday, December 3

- 9:30 a.m. Family Mass; 1st Sunday of Advent
- 5:00 p.m. In Person Meeting for Online 7th and 8th Grade REP
- 7:00 p.m. Parent Info Meeting on Mental Health of High School and College Students

Tuesday, December 5

- 5:00 p.m. 1st-4th grades, drop off at Elementary Bldg, pick up at church at 6:30 p.m.
- 6:00 p.m. 5th-8th grades, drop off at church, pick up at Middle School at 7:15 p.m.
- 6:00 p.m. November Mass for REP – parents please join us!

Tuesday, December 12

- 5:00 p.m. 1st through 4th grade classes meet; 1st grade Nativity Play practice
- 6:00 p.m. 5th- 8th grade classes meet

The First Sunday of Advent: The Candle of Hope



The first Sunday of Advent symbolizes hope, reminding us that Jesus is coming. Through the prophets of the Old Testament, God promised to send the Savior to rescue the people from their sins. Over 700 years before the birth of Christ, Isaiah prophesied the birth, death and resurrection of our Messiah. This first week of Advent, remind your children that Jesus is our hope.

From Advent Week 1 : Activity Guide | Cross Catholic Outreach

THIS ADVENT, LET'S PUT OUR



Faith into Action

AS WE PREPARE OUR
HEARTS AND MINDS FOR
CHRISTMAS!



DROP IN!
OR
STAY THE
WHOLE HOUR!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10
10:30-11:30AM
OLW GYM

Service Hour
Opportunity!



Serve

Make Christmas
Cards for prisoners
& wrap scarves with
the Shawl Ministry



Pray

Pray for
recipients



Connect

Enjoy some
coffee, doughnuts,
and conversation!

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY! FUN FOR ALL AGES!



Grotto Action Update



A 1,000-mile journey begins with a single step, and so a Grotto begins with site preparation. The dying maple was removed and the ground is being prepared. The concrete foundation that will support the Blessed Mother statue should be poured in early December. **The Knights thank all who donated so far!**

Our \$30,000 goal has not yet been achieved, so we ask that you prayerfully consider helping if you are able. This is a short journey. The site will be ready for Our Mother in December.

Donations can be made in the Parish Center, by scanning the QR code, or by visiting: <https://bit.ly/46tZIXf>.



CHRISTMAS ANGELS NEEDED: ST. BENEDICT CHRISTMAS DINNER



For over fifteen years, generous families and friends of Our Lady of the Wayside have supported a wonderful cause — helping St. Benedict Parish in Chicago feed 300+ homeless and lonely folks on Christmas Day. We plan to continue the tradition this Christmas and will caravan to St. Benedict to set up and serve meals to those in need.



Individual & Family volunteers are needed for THREE SHIFTS:

1. **FIRST SHIFT** delivers the food to St. Benedict's on Christmas morning and then helps set-up the gym and prepare the food for the servers
2. **SECOND SHIFT** plates the food and visits with the guests. Many appreciate a warm smile and conversation as much as the generosity Wayside and St. Benedict provides
3. **THIRD SHIFT** arrives after the meal is served, to help with clean-up

If you are not able to attend in-person, there are several opportunities to contribute. *Please consider...*

- Providing cooked food for the meals. We need to purchase and prepare cooked turkeys, hams, mashed potatoes, and stuffing. Sides like corn, gravy, dinner rolls, cranberry sauce are needed as well as beverages and desserts
- Purchasing and wrapping hats and gloves (separately) to be distributed as gifts to our guests
- Providing gift card donations for guest raffle prizes

To register please visit: <https://bit.ly/3QHaPGs> or scan the QR code with your phone's camera.



Have questions, ideas or suggestions? Please e-mail Randi Rooney rrooney@shanleypump.com or Steve Perille sperille@outlook.com. Veteran experience to restart this ministry would be much appreciated!

Storytime with Santa

AT OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE GYM

For PK and K students, and their siblings

Wed, Dec 6
6 - 7pm

Enjoy Christmas games and then end the night with milk and cookies with Santa!

\$10 at the door, max \$24 per family

HO HO HO

CELEBRATE THE CHRISTMAS SEASON WITH OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE!

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS – Sunday, December 24
3:00 (Family Mass), 5:00, 7:00, 9:30 (Carols), 10:00 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY – Monday, December 25
7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
Saturday, December 30, 5:00 pm
Sunday, December 31, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
Sunday, December 31, 5:00 pm (Vigil), 6:00–11:00 pm (Adoration), 11:00 pm (New Year Spiritual Celebration)
Monday, January 1, 9:30, 11:30 am

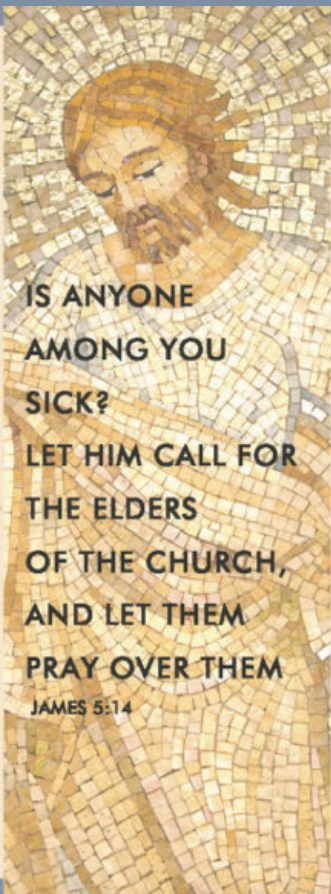
SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Saturday, January 6, 5:00 pm
Sunday, January 7, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am, 6:00 pm



Thanks for giving.

Nov 28, 2023

**GIVING
TUESDAY**



Meeting Mental Health With Grace

A mental health ministry for Our Lady of the Wayside, St. Edna, and St. James.

Join us...

Grace Prayer Circle

A monthly prayer service on the 1st Wednesday of the month for those living with mental health concerns and their loved ones.

Submit a name. We will pray. Join us.

Prayer requests can be submitted to the multi-parish ministry via
voicemail: 847-253-5390
email: mentalhealthministry@stjamesah.org

All are welcome to join us as we pray:

Wednesday, December 6th from 7:00 - 7:30 pm
St. James School Chapel

Check out our Mental Health Ministry Webpage for resources and education at bit.ly/olwmentalhealth.

Remember In Beauty Your Loved Ones, Living or Deceased

Our Lady of the Wayside Christmas 2023

We invite you to honor the name of your loved ones with flowers and decorations for our Church at Christmas.

Please fill out the form below clearly, attach your check made payable to *Our Lady of the Wayside Church*, and drop it in the collection basket or give it to Regina Kastner at the Parish Office no later than **Thursday, December 7th.**

Your loved one's name will appear in the Christmas bulletin under "*In Memory Of*" or "*In Honor Of*."

Suggested Donation - \$20.00 per name

**Please make checks payable to
Our Lady of the Wayside Church*



(PLEASE PRINT) *First & Last Names Only*

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS 2023

Donor's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

"In Memory Of" _____

"In Honor Of" _____

Bible Study

In Person & Online / Friday Morning 9:30



Join us for lively discussion of
next Sunday's readings:

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8

Join us in the Cabrini Room of the Parish Center
or email biblestudy@olwparish.org for a sign-in code.

For a sample video, visit: <https://bit.ly/46I6Wtb>



Join OLV's Men's Group in the Gathering Place for food, fellowship and faith discussions this Saturday at 7 am.

VIDEO: A New Day for Men

This session studies Saint John Paul II's foundation for the family in the third millennium, his words, faithfulness and leadership, and the triumph of mercy.

An open discussion on the role of Pope John Paul II to manifest the life of Christ and on his vision of a new springtime for Christianity.

More Info? Email mensgroup@olwparish.org

February 24, 2024 Metropolis Ballroom

Hors d'oeuvres, Drinks, Dancing
Put the Date on Your Calendar



All Are Invited!

Holistic Mental Health Series

"Many youth and adults alike are experiencing too much stress and too little peace. But how do we change? How do we help young people cope with stress and anxiety and discover more of God's peace?" - Author Roy Petitfils

SERIES GOALS:

- Awareness and Understanding about Holistic Mental Health
- Acceptance and Reducing Stigma through Education
- Creating a Safe Place to Learn and Share for Parents



SERIES #1:
PARENTS OF
K - 5TH GRADE

October 4, 2023
6 PM - 7:15 PM
at St. Mary's in
Buffalo Grove



SERIES #2:
PARENTS OF
6 - 8TH GRADE

November 14, 2023
6 PM - 7:15 PM
at Our Lady of
Wayside in
Arlington Heights



SERIES #3:
PARENTS OF H.S.
TEENS/EARLY
COLLEGE

December 3, 2023
7 PM - 8:30 PM
at Our Lady of
Wayside in
Arlington Heights

Presented By: A Team of Professional Catholics
serving the Parish communities.



QUESTIONS?

Please forward any questions to your parish's Director of Religious Ed.

KATHY O'NEILL, R.N. ❤️

COORDINATOR OF PASTORAL HEALTHCARE

How to Cope with Common Holiday Stressors



For many, the holiday season can be both a time of great joy and of stress and anxiety. Whether it is finding the ultimate gift, cooking the juiciest turkey, making ends meet or battling the season's doldrums, this time of year can be hard.

"A lot of the holidays is trying to figure out how to manage the stress—things are hectic, you have a lot of demands on your time and there are the pressures of all the parties and events and buying things," says Sarah Katula, an advanced practice psychiatric nurse at Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove, IL. "It can be hard to pay atten-

tion to what's most important – the meaning and value of the holiday, whatever that means to you."

Katula offers a few common stressors and some advice to handle each:

The stress of tradition and making things "perfect" – People can put a lot of pressure on themselves during the season in pursuit of the perfect holiday. "For many people, there is this need to be perfect around this time," she says. Instead, try to manage expectations for yourself and those around you. The goal could simply be to have an enjoyable holiday with plenty of time for relaxation. Similarly, families should make time for holiday traditions but be open to making room for new ones or tweaking old ones to make them more manageable, she says. "Families evolve and change over time," she says. "They need to be flexible and open and ready when a tradition may change."

Intense schedules and financials – Though we refer to our vacation time in December as a "holiday break", it sometimes doesn't feel like much of one. Different celebrations, services, obligations, shopping trips and seasonal traditions can eat up a lot of time and money.

"Self-care is really important," Katula says. "It's always important to get enough sleep, not drink too much, avoid over-eating or eating too much sugar and to spend time with your friends." One solution for the financial burden is to consciously avoid overspending, opting for homemade gifts or shared experiences. Conversations with loved ones about the meaning of the holidays can also go a long way to manage pressure and expectations. Also, don't be afraid to say no, Katula says – setting limits and cutting back on commitments can help ensure you have enough holiday spirit to last throughout the season.

Loss of friends and family in the prior year – Holidays are frequently seen as a time to be with friends and family, which can be hard if a loved one is absent. "It can certainly be a difficult holiday for many," Katula says. "It can be a time for mourning or grieving. Try to ask how best to honor the people who have passed."

Holiday and winter depression – Whether it's an emotional trigger, additional stress, Seasonal Affective Disorder or other reasons, the holidays can sometimes be a driver of depression or other mental health issues, Katula says. She encourages people struggling to seek extra support if they find themselves in need, and for those in their lives to try to provide that extra support if asked or needed. "Take time for yourself," she says. "Continue taking your medications and stick as close as you can to the activities of daily living and structure." She also encourages those in therapy to consider additional appointments throughout the holiday season.

Family conflict – With holidays comes family, and for many, with family comes stress and fighting. Katula says the only way to face stress is to meet it with set boundaries and plans. Presenting the clear message that you are uninterested in getting involved in a conflict while still being present in the festivities can help head off conflicts before they escalate. She suggests having an exit plan when cornered by critical or stressful relatives.

Article contributed by: Nathan Lurz

Sunday, Dec 03, 2023

A season of welcome

The color violet reminds us that a new season has begun: a time to prepare to welcome Christ in our midst for all days and in all persons. Coincidentally this year, Advent starts on the World Day for Persons with Disabilities. How welcoming is our church to the people with physical and mental challenges? Not just improving accessibility with an entrance ramp or elevator but providing accommodations for those with hearing, visual, and intellectual impairments, including for liturgies and sacramental preparation? Take a look around your own parish. Is it true that "all are welcome"?

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37 (2). *"We are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands."*

Monday, Dec 04, 2023

Iconic inspiration

Think of how much sacred images of Jesus, Mary, angels, and the saints—in painting, stained glass, and sculpture—have filled your life and stimulated your spirit. You might have many sacred images throughout your home. Perhaps you can find them in different public places in your city. Our Catholic churches are certainly full of them. Think of how much they inspire and prompt you to momentary prayer, a fleeting lifting of your heart and mind to God as you pass by them, or to long stretches on your knees, deep in conversation. You can partly thank John Damascene, who defended holy images against iconoclasm, a movement in the eighth century that was opposed to the veneration of icons. Treasure the rich imagery of our tradition.

MEMORIAL OF JOHN DAMASCENE, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11 (175). *"Many will come from the east and the west, and will recline with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at the banquet in the Kingdom of heaven."*

Tuesday, Dec 05, 2023

Be a light in the darkness

As Advent days grow ever darker, Isaiah offers hope: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Isa. 9:1). We Christians seek the Son's light, but we also take the Savior at his word when he describes us as the "light of the world" (Matt. 5:14). 'Tis the season, to celebrate those who shared their light, such as Rosa Parks, who co-led the Montgomery bus boycott beginning this day in 1955. Or Mary McLeod Bethune, who formed the National Council of Negro Women 20 years earlier. To quote Saint Isidore of Seville (who opened the Fourth Council of Toledo on this day in 633): "Just as we must love God in contemplation, so we must love our neighbor with action."

ADVENT WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24 (176). *"He shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth."*

Wednesday, Dec 06, 2023

Peace on Earth requires living on the edge

This year we celebrate the centennial of the birth of Phil Berrigan, the famed peace activist and one-time Josephite priest. His dedication to serve the African-American community quickly blossomed into an all-out crusade for justice, resulting in his many

arrests, sentences, and continuing activities to emphasize the Catholic opposition to bloodshed. He was hardly rewarded for his efforts in this life, and in this time of war in our day, we owe him a great debt. We can pay it by walking as he walked, in the path toward peace.

ADVENT WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37 (177). *"On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, The web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever."*

Thursday, Dec 07, 2023

Unite to fight for good

Today is Pearl Harbor Day, when the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor officially thrust the United States into World War II. Americans sacrificed in multiple ways to serve the war effort, from military service to rationing. What if we were to unite in the same way to fight poverty? An emphasis on charity and justice for the poor exists within all the Abrahamic traditions, Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. Who is fighting poverty in your community? Take a step today to unite with them.

ADVENT WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27 (178). *"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the Kingdom of heaven."*

Friday, Dec 08, 2023

A day of grace

Today is all about grace. It was God's grace that provided Mary with the privilege of being born without original sin; it was Mary's grace that said yes to God's plan; and it is our grace to honor Mary's witness and protection. As Pope John Paul II explains, "Grace means love and the gift of God himself, the completely free gift in which God entrusts to [us] his Mystery." In honor of this day, pray the mysteries of the Rosary.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (PATRONAL FEAST DAY OF THE U.S.A.)

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38 (689). *"Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you."*

Saturday, Dec 09, 2023

Mary mirrors her people

Can you imagine what today's saint, Juan Diego, was going through when he encountered Our Lady of Guadalupe? First of all, she looked nothing like the pictures of the Blessed Virgin he was used to. She wasn't a blue-eyed, white European. She was brown-skinned with dark hair and dark eyes. She wasn't wearing a blue veil either. And she didn't even speak to him in Spanish, but in Nahuatl, the ancient language of his ancestral Aztec. Was she for real? When the image of the Virgin appeared on his cloak, he knew she was. Celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe, who acts as a reflection for all the faithful.

MEMORIAL OF JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATZIN, VISIONARY

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 (180). *"As you go, make this proclamation: 'The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY:

5:00 pm Saturday, December 9, 2023

Presider: Fr. Gilbert Mashurano & Deacon Peter LeTourneau

7:30 am Sunday, December 10, 2023

Presider: Father Arthur Marat

9:30 am Sunday, December 10, 2023

Presider: Fr. Gilbert Mashurano & Deacon Paul Onischuk

11:30 am Sunday, December 10, 2023

Presider: Father Arthur Marat

6:00 pm Sunday, December 10, 2023

Presider: Fr. Gilbert Mashurano & Deacon Paul Onischuk

GOSPEL MEDITATION:

December 3, 2023 – 1st Sunday of Advent

Lately I've been listening to a science-based podcast on healthy daily living. The host frequently discusses the wide range of health benefits of sleep. So, each night I'm trying to get more, and better, slumber, and it's helping me feel energized. So, why in the world should we follow Christ's advice this week? **"Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house will come... lest he find you asleep."** Isn't sleep, especially at midnight and cockcrow, a good thing?

Of course, it is. But the wakefulness the Lord calls us to is a deep, personal orientation to Him. A nightly vigil is therefore a metaphor for this, but it's not just that. We should give up real sleep in order to pray, too. This difficult practice is a time-tested way to foster wakefulness of heart. When we give up sleep to pray, it focuses us. We learn that life is not an endless series of days. You and I belong to the Lord — awake or asleep, in life and in death. Sooner or later, even our need for our physical sleep will pass away. And our attentiveness to God — that is, whether we are awaiting Him to meet us — will be all that matters.

May I challenge us this week and this Advent to intentionally give up at least one hour of sleep each week for prayer? Stay up later, wake up in the middle of the night, or an hour earlier, and pray. Will we be a bit more tired the next day? Yes. But we'll be amazed at the spiritual wakefulness that results, too.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPI



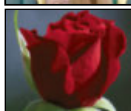
Pray for those celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony

III Alexander Rezny & Samantha Miller – December 8 at 3:30pm



Pray for the Sick

Gloria White Bonomo, Helene Bottalla, Bill Brewer, Marie DeSanto, Victoria Haddock, Donna Hames, Theresa Hansen, Valerie Lund, Mary Mader, Carol Maglietta, Daniel & Delores McCloy, Larry McKone, Cherie Miskey, Frances Pitzer, Melvin Rotor, Marianne Saas, Stacey Scott, Fr. John Topper



Pray for the Deceased

Jeanne Raef, Greta Saelens

SACRED LITURGY:

Monday, December 4, 2023

8:30 am – Lorraine James, Paul & Adeline Careli, John & Victoria Fahey

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

8:30 am – Joanne Katsoolias

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

8:30 am – Nicholas Palmer, Nick Tischer, Nick Opels

Thursday, December 7, 2023

8:30 am – Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Wayside

Friday, December 8, 2023

8:30 am – Armella Maguire, Donna Cunningham

Saturday, December 9, 2023

8:30 am – Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Wayside

5:00 pm – Kathy Freiburger, Elvino & Josephine Battelli, Thomas Galgano, Alice Duffy, Peter & Josephine Quattrocchi

Sunday, December 10, 2023

7:30 am – Joyce Kustra & The Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Wayside

9:30 am – Maureen Donlan, Wally Piwkiewicz, Margarita Malarski

11:30 am – Kelly Trecka, Maureen Lavin, Florence Jablonski, Fernando Caburnay, Ricardo & Concordia Sison, James Sarlo

6:00 pm – For the Living and Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Wayside

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 3, 2023

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8





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Pray the Rosary

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